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In re application of:

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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OF DROSPIRENONE (6 β , 7 β , 15 β , 16 β -DIMETHYLENE-3-OXO-17 α -PREGN-4-EN-21, 17-CARBOLACTONE, DRSP) AS WELL AS 7 α -(3-HYDROXY-1-PROPYL)-6 β , 7 β ; 15 β , 16 β -DIMETHYLENE-5 β -ANDROSTANE-3 β , 5, 17 β -TRIOL (ZK 92836) AND 6 β , 7 β ; 15 β , 16 β -DIMETHYLENE-5 β -HYDROXY-3-OXO-17 α -ANDROSTANE-21, 17-CARBOLACTONE (90965) AS INTERMEDIATE PRODUCTS OF THE PROCESS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the accompanying application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 4-7 as follows.

4. 6 β , 7 β ; 15 β , 16 β -dimethylene-3-oxo-17 α -pregn-4-ene-21, 17-carbolactone, at a purity of at least 98.9%.

